

## **Dee Wilson, Regional Administrator, Region 6**

Dee Wilson is currently the Regional Administrator for Region 6 and has worked for the Children's Administration since 1978.

Dee was nominated by his Region 6 Management team as well as many other staff from his region and other regions. We also received a letter of support for his nomination from Charles Shelan, Executive Director of Community Youth Services in Olympia.

Here are just some of the excerpts from the nominations:

"Dee's 30 year career as a child welfare professional in two different states has taken him through all facets of agency work, including positions as a case-carrying social worker, supervisor, area manager, training center office chief, training coordinator for Kids Come First, risk assessment program developer, and regional administrator. He is the author of many articles and research reviews on child protection and child welfare topics.

Dee has taught at the Schools of Social Work and he developed a leadership training program in Region 6 to develop and nurture future leadership talent in the organization helping to assure succession from the current generation of leaders. The most important quality that Dee has is that he is one of the greatest advocates that children and families in the state of Washington have. He truly characterizes the ideas that Rosie Oresokovich exemplified for all of us who care about the welfare of children in this state.

- Dee's integrity is impeccable. He is fearless in stating the truth and acting honorably...even when it is not politically correct or the popular thing to do.
- Dee encourages diversity of thinking, opinions and ideas
- Dee sets high standards for work produced and provides support and resources for completing assigned work, at the same time he is keeping staff morale high.
- Dee is a visionary. He sees far enough ahead of the curve so that he prioritizes those efforts that will make the most difference in the lives of children and their families. Particularly, he's made a difference by being the father of CPS Risk Assessment in this state.
- Dee has these qualities: His humanity..he is responsive to the needs of others; sensitive to the human condition, looks for strengths in others; perseverance and making things happen; commitment to excellence; creative approach to practice; inspiration through his own excitement and commitment to the work we do; his resilience....he speaks the truth.
- Finally, Dee is a strong, positive mentor and a most powerful role model to an entire generation of aspiring child welfare leaders in Washington State."

Please join me in congratulating Dee Wilson as the recipient of the 2004 Rosie Oreskovich award.